'Students fail to get jobs after completing education'

The Jatiya Sangsad resumed its sitting at 11-32 am Monday with Deputy Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali in the chair.

The day's business began after recitation from the holy

Quran. The Deputy Speaker disposed of a special privilege notice and said the eampus situation and the budget would be discussed in the House Monclay.

Magsud Ibne Aziz Lama

Magsad Ibne Aziz Lama (JP-Sylhet) took the floor and said the people of his area were frightened of AIDS which was reported recently there. He said the Deputy Leader of the House Dr. Badruddoza Chowdhury, is a prominent physician and requested him to give a statement on the issue.

Dhirendranath Shambhu

Dhirendranath Shambhu (AL-Narail) said education was now stopped all over the country. He drew the attention of the Deputy Leader of the House for a statement on it.

Abdus Shahid

Taking the floor, Abdus Shahid (AL-Moulvi Bazar) drew the attention of the Industries Minister and sought to know why Sylhet paper and pulp industry had been closed. He said newsprint had became scarce in the market due to the closure of this industry.

Motia Chowdhury

The Deputy Speaker al lowed floor to Begum Motia Chowdhury (AL-Sherpur) who said there was no sanction in the present budget for the paper board which was estab lished by late President Ziaur Rahman. 'It is now being heard that there is a conspiracy to sell the board out to private sector," she said and de manded a statement on it.

ASM Firoze

A S M Firoze said he had gone to the secretariate Monday morning but he did not see any government employee there. He also said that he had seen only some ministers there.

Pointing out to the strike being observed by the government employees for implementation of the pay commission report. Firoze said the administration would not be able to function in such a sit uation. He stressed the need for taking a decision about this before the end of the current

Abdul Awal Mian

The Deputy Speaker then allowed the floor to Abdul Awal Mian (AL-Kushtia) who told the House that Kumarkhali town was being croded by the river Gorai. 'This town will vanish any time" he said pointing out its historical importance as the first place where a press was established. He drew the attention of the concerned ministry to take necessary measures for saving the town.

Rahmat Ali

Rahmat Ali (Al Gazipur) said the whole country had now plunged into terrorism. He quoted the Leader of the Opposition in parliament as saying that she would extend her full cooperation towards ehecking terrorism provided the government remained sincere and impartial about it. He ealled for utilising police force. keeping them away from any influence, inchecking terrorism and violence in the coun-

Recalling the tremendous contributions made by the student community in the movements in 1952, 62, 66, 69, 70 in the liberation war in 1971 and in the mass upsurge in 1990. Ali said he did not believe the students were involved in terrorism. He suggested identifying the ele ments involved in terrorism and checking them with an iron hand by utilising the police force.

Rahmat Ali said terrorism could not be stopped through harassment or the filling of false cases but it should be handled quite impartially and

without party considerations. Ali pointed out that unemployment problem was a reason for terrorism and said terrorism could not be stopped unless job opportunities were created and unemployment allowance introduced by the government for the students who had completed their education but were jobless. He also called for solution of the session-jam problem in the universities.

In this respect, the Awami League member stressed the need for a national consensus based on the spirit of January 25. 1975 under which a wellare programme was launched in the country. He said peace could be restored in the country under a national consensus right at this moment.

Ali also called for introduction of a student teacher code of conduct so that the sacred relations between them could be maintained.

Khurshid Jahan

Begum Khurshid Jahan Haq (BNP), taking the floor, stressed the need for greater unity to root out terrorism from the country. "If we fail, terrorism will continue," she

Pointing out to a newspaper report that 200 students inchading some members of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, have joined Chhatra League in Dinajpur. Begum Haq said there was an agitation in Dinajpur regarding this. She alleged that some quarters were fanning this agitation and sought to know who were be-

If such trend continues, she said, terrorism cannot be stopped. In this respect. Begum Khurshid Jahan Haq said the communal tension which started in 1947 was still continuing in India after so many years of its independence.

Begum Haq said the autoc racy had fallen but wondered whether we had been able to remove its seeds.

She said two greatmen of 1971, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Ziaur Rahman, had carved a place in our hearts. But she wanted to know who had divided them. "It should now be pointed out why this happened," she said.

Retterating her call for a national unity for checking terrorism and resolving other national issues, Begum Khurshid Jahan Haq said we should demonstrate the same spirit that, was shown on the floor of parliament during the passage of constitution amendment bills recently, for restoring peace and tranquility in the

At this stage, the Chair wanted to know from the Chief Whip how long he would like the discussion on "terrorism in the campuses" to continue.

Khandaker Delwar Hossain

Chief Whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain said the subject was very important but the discussions were becoming long. He said it was necessary to shorten this discussion since there is a need to switch over to deliberation on the budget.

He said the Chief Whip of the Opposition could give his opinion on the matter.

Mohammad Nasim

Opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim said the Chair could take a decision on this and suggested that time allotted for the speakers could be curtailed so that more and more speakers could participate in the discussion on such a crucial issue.

The Deputy Speaker said he would like to know the views of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition on the subject.

Abdus Samad Azad said the discussion was becoming lengthy but it is also desirable that more members got

chances to speak. Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury

At this stage, Education Minister and Deputy Leader of the House Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury took the floor and said he would like to have half an hour's time to reply to the questions

He said the State Minister for Education would also like the speak on the issue.

The Deputy Speaker said two minutes would be given to each speaker and expected the members to abide by the time

Sheikh Ansar Ali

Taking the floor, Sheikh Ansar Ali (Jamaat), said several jute mills and educational institutions were closed and it was a bad sign for the nation. The Chair asked the mem-

ber to confine his observations to the educational arena. The Jamaat member said he suspected of a conspiracy be-

hind the closure of the educational institutions. He said he had mentioned the closure of jute mills since a particular country is benefitted when jute mills of this country remained closed.

The Jamaat member said political utterances of certain leaders like the expressions "resisting" or "crushing" the political opponents were also largely responsible for general ing political tension and ter-

Since there is no punishment for acts of terrorism, he said, the tendency toward violence is encouraged.

Roushan Ali

At this stage, Roushan Ali [AL-Jessore] drew the attention of the Chair to a news item in the daily "New Nation" that a tender had been floated secretly to demolish the Jessore-Benapole railway line. he wanted a discussion on this issue tomorrow.

The Chair said he would look into the point Rrsed by the member.

Suranjit Sengupta

Participating in the discussion on campus violence Suranjit Sengupta (GP Sunamganj), said the question before the nation today is whether politics would dominate terrorism or terrorism dominate politics.

The Ganatantri Party member said democracy would not flourish unless violence in the educational institutions and other areas was curbed, no matter how unanimously the House adopted the constitutional amendment bills.

Gupta said the supporters of the autocratic regime sought to argue that their regime was not responsible for campus violence since the regime no more existed today.

This argument, he pointed out, did not hold good since the remnants of autocracy were still in existence.

Gupta felt that an inertia had gripped the government because no effective steps were under way for tackling terrorism.

Education Minister Prof. B. Chowdhury is an intellectual. the Leader of the House Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is not only the head of a political party but also a respected national leader, he said adding that more concrete actions were desirable from those who were in charge of Education and Home Ministries.

Gupta said terrorism had to be curbed impartially with no partiality to ruling party's "Chhatra Dal"."

The opposition member House and Leader of the Opposition was necessary in the House.

Referring to the Jamaat-e-Islami and its students wing. Sengupta said their political ideology was also responsible for campus violence since a Chhatra Shibir worker did not hesitate to kill his next roommate to embrace "Shahadat."

Moulana Sobhan

Rising on a point of order Moulana Abdus Sobhan contested the contention of Suranjit Sengupta that members of Chhatra Shibir killed a student who was asleep in the next room of a students' hostel. He said he would accept the allegation if Sengupta could prove it.

Moulana Sobhan requested the Chair to expunge the particular portion of Sengupta's speech.

The Deputy Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali ruled that the statement of Sobhan would also be recorded and that there would be no need to expunge Sengupta's speech.

Selina Rahman

Speaking next, Mrs. Selina Rahman (Barisal-Jhalakathi-Pirojpur) said the student community had played a glorious role of waging movements in the country.

She said the seed of violence was in fact sown in the Pakistan period and the deposed President Ershad patronised it. He said the students were supplied with arms by Ershad regime for creating division in the rank and file of their community.

She said the political leaders and others were using the students for their selfish interest. She hoped terrorism from the campus should be the wiped out the same way the autocracy was eliminated from the country through unity.

She 'said it was the collective responsibility of all and not of the government alone.

Nurul Islam Moni

Nurul Islam Mont (Ind-Borguna) said terrorism could not be eliminated from the campus and other areas by holding discussions alone. This problem is political and it should be solved politically, he added.

Recalling the glorious contributions of the student community in all the past movements and the war of liberation, he said a well-planned move was now on to tarnish the image of this community. He suggested that the leaders of BNP. Awami League and Jamaat-c-Islami should sit across the table, discuss the problem of terrorism and work out practical steps to curb this scourge. The leaders of these organisations which have dominant student organisations in colleges and universities should take concrete decisions how to curb terrorism on the campus, he said.

Moni blasted the present system of education saying that it was not compatible with reality. The type of education now being imparted to students in universities and colleges could not guarantee them the means of carning when they come out of universities. After completing their educational life the students roam in the streets as the scope of employment is very limited, he said.

He further said students indulged in unsocial activities as they had no sense of direction a and found no ray of hope for survival. He, therefore, pleaded for doing away with such unproductive system of education which failed to provide them the means of earning their living after completing their education.



Shamsuddoha (CPB-Nilpha mart) said there was no reason to understand why terrorism was spawning in society. This curse could be successfully tackled and eliminated if all of us realised the dark future of the country.

Paying tributes to the student community for their glorious role in all past movement of the country, he said genera students did not indulge in terrorism. He said during the months of June and July 76 student clashes and 27 political clashes occurred in the country resulting in the death of 10 persons and injuries to about 2,000 others. He laid stress on arriving at

a consensus to curb terrorism. He suggested that the government, administration and the law enforcing agencies should discharge their respective responsibility impartially without showing any mercy to evil doers. His other recommendations included : no shelter to holders of arms by any of the political parties, purging the armed holders from the political and student organisations. eliminating corruption and other malpractices from the educational institutions, noadmission of non-students to educational institutions and hostels, and all-party declaration to discourage terrorism.

Shamsuddoha was of the opinion that the responsibility of the government in curbing terrorism was immense. The government should set up an example in this regard, he

He also appealed to all to refrain from flaring up communal passion of the people by their unguarded remarks. In this connection, he said Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami in his speech in the House

Sunday referred to the attack on his cap and beard and opined that such remarks would only tend to flare up communal sentiment.

Alamgir Kabir

Alamgir Kabir (BNP-Naogaon) said terrorism on the campus has cast a shadow of gloom and frustration in our national life. He attributed the source of terrorism to unemployment, autocracy and legacy of the past.

He said terrorism first surfaced in the country during the sixties and accused late Governor Monem Khan of then East Pakistan of patronising terrorism. Alamgir Kabir regretted

that bribe-takers, thieves, looters, corrupt element and persons indulging in terrorism did not feel guilty of their misdeeds. He called for solving this problem politically. Shamsul Hug

Shamsul Hug (AL-Mymensingh) said it would have been better if the Prime Minister had been present in the House when a serious debate on terrorism was going

Hug firmly believed that the BNP government could eliminate terrorism from all levels in just one hour's time if it so wished

He further said since the BNP government was in power it was responsibilities for dealing with this problem. The BNP government must hold out the assurance that it would quit power if it failed to elimi-

nate terrorism. Mohiuddin Ahmed (AL-Bakerganj) said during the movement against autocracy both Chhatra League and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal worked shoulder to shoulder. If the students of these two organisations could work in complete harmony in the past then why should not they be able to maintain this under-

standing at present? he asked. He said doubt and suspicion crept in the minds when police gave shelter to the students of one organisation and chased those belonging to its rival organisation.



Mohiuddin Ahmed

Mohiuddin Ahmed said police should not discriminate in punishing the evil doers, no matter which political party or parties they might belong to.

He called upon all quarters to discuss the problem of terrorism with open mind and come to a solution to this scourge with open mind.

Awami League leader Tofael Ahmed said the issue now being discussed in the House was most significant in our national

Paying tributes to student community, he said the students of our country had made significant contributions to the movements of 1962, 1966, mass upsurge of 1969. Liberation war of 1971 and anti-autocracy movement of 1970. The student community came out unhesitatingly during our national distress in the past, he said.

Tofael Ahmed

Tofael Ahmed, said it was the students who played a very brave role for saving Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from the gallows during the rule of Ayub Khan. He said he felt hurt to see the orgy of terrorism on the cam-

He said in the president sangsad there are a number of MPs who were reputed student leaders of the universities. In this connection, he mentioned the names of Rashed Khan Menon, Begum Motia Chowdhury, Shahjahan Siraj. Shamsuddoha, Fazlur Rahman Patal, Montrul Huq Chowdhury and Maulana Mattur Rahman Nizami. Tofael Ahmed said during their time terrorism of the present kind was absent on the campus.

He categorically said terrorism could not be eliminated from the campus so long as non-students would give leadcrelify to student organisa-

Tofael Ahmed said the situation in Dhaka and Chittagong universities had deteriorated further.

He expressed his astonishment how the Education Minister could suggest to the Vice Chancellor of Chittagong University to step down when a democratically elected government is in power.

The Awami League leader, however, said both the government and the opposition had a role to play in

consolidating the base of

democracy. He said mere enactment of laws would not help establish democracy. Emphasising the need for establishing peace. Tofael Ahmed said democracy could

not be established on sound

footing without peace on the campus of the universities. Referring to the indef at closure of universities he said universities were never closed in such a manner in the past. He said during the rule of Awami League there was an incident of killing in Dhaka University when Bangabandhu was away in Moscow. After the return of Bangabandhu, the killers were tried and given

punishment, he said. Citing the clemency provision in the Constitution, Tofael Ahmed said before amendment of the provision, the killers, rapists and arsonists were kept outside its purview but, he said, the convicted killer of Shahidullah Kaiser was pardoned and released.

Tofael Ahmed said a parliamentary committee should be formed for finding out the means to curb terrorism on the campus.

He said terrorism had engulfed the entire country, including the universities. He said the police alone should not be held responsible for not curbing violence on the campus because the political leaders had also their part to pir-The police could not act into pendently because of pressure, he said.

Referring to Sunday's incident in Chittagong University Tofael Ahmed said 100 police and 100 BDR personnel were present but they could not act of their own. He said two groups were involved in the Pabna clash but only the Chhatra League workers were arrested. We could not expect rule of law if such things happen in future.

He said the Education Minister is a respectable person but his ministry is not free from corruption.

The Awami League member said non-students should not be allowed to stay in the residential halls and admission should be on the basis of merit. He said he could not reply

to a query from his daughter who is a medical student. She wanted to know when we are discussing campus violence in the sangsad, why the universities are closed. Tofael called for making

united efforts, irrespective of party affiliation, to work for freeing the country from ter-

Shahjahan Siraj

Taking the floor next, Shahjahan Siraj said the Dhaka University had a glorious past and its students had played commandable role in every hour of national need. Siraj said the politicians

had passed the parliamentary democracy bill by ending the one-party and the autocratic rules. The root of democracy had been planted, he said adding

from the rule of one-party and the autocracy. He, however, said we the politicians were responsible for the armed terrorism now prevailing in different universi-

that the nation had been freed

trol our students fronts. The lone JSD member from Tangail said campus terrorism is a political problem and should be tackled politically.

ties because we could not con-

He said all political parties should meet Monday night, i necessary, to discuss the issue and make an announcement the effect that all student fronts should surrender their arms within a month.

Winding up the two-day debate on the campus violence the Deputy Leader of the House Education Minister. Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, explained the reasons for such situation and said that all the arms were not surrendered to the authorities after the liberation war. As a result, he said a section of corrupt elements was dominating the society taking advantage of the situation. As section of the political leadership of the country was directly patronising and harbouring the hoodlums for their selfish ends. He lauded the role of the teachers in the independence movement.

Prof Chowdhury pointed out that a few of the teachers were also involved in the situation prevailing in the educational institutions.

In his half an hour long speech the Deputy Leader of the House also listed some aducational institutions inclu BUET where academic atmosphere was quite appreciable as they were free from vio-

Terming the campus violence as a national problem the Deputy Leader of the House proposed a 15-member parliamentary committee headed by the Law and Justice Minister, Mirza Golam Hafiz, to recommend necessary measures to curb terrorism on the campus.

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Agitated employees of Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) gheraoed the Chairman on Monday in protest against the retrenchment. - Star photo



Group Captain (Rtd) Shamsul Haque of Bangladesh Cargo Vessel Owners Association addressing a press conference at a local hotel on Monday. Other members of the association are also seen.

Guardians urged to help curb terrorism

The Mayor of Dhaka Municipal Corporation Mirza Abbas Monday urged the guardians of students to come forward with their helping hands to check terrorism in the country, particularly in the educational institutions, re-

ports BSS. He said the cooperation of the guardians would greatly help the government efforts to curb violence and terrorism in the educational arena and the

The Mayor was addressing a

cross-section of people at

Captain Bazar organised by

Sutrapur thana unit of

datiyatabadi Juba Dal. State

country as a whole.

Sadeq Hossain Khoka, Juba Dal leaders Saju Kamal and Advocate Abdus Salam also addressed the meeting.

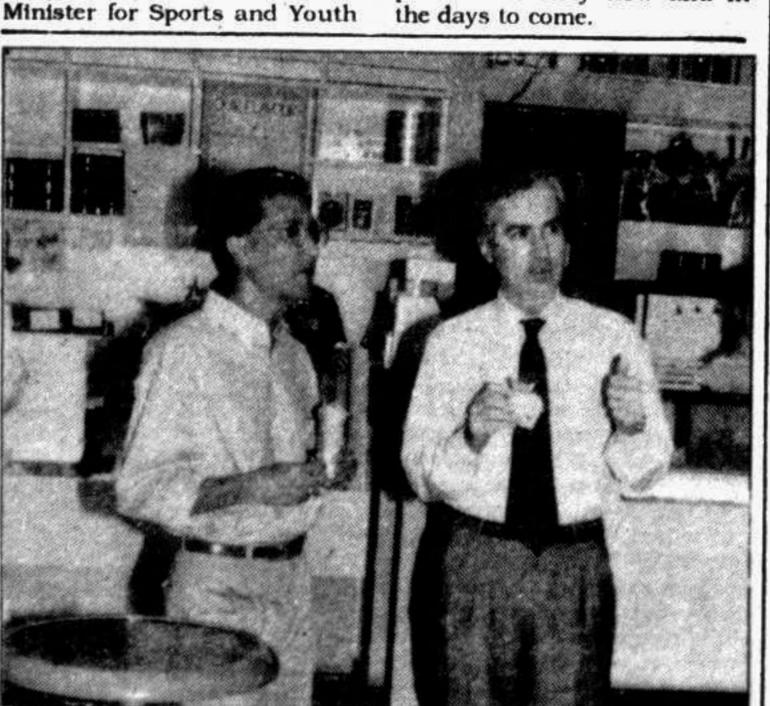
Mirza Abbas said the people of the country had voted for Bangladesh Nationalist Party for establishing peace in the country. "The nation installed BNP to power for peace and stability," he said adding that the BNP government was committed to uphold the people's faith reposed on it through the parliamentary elections last February.

Mirza Abbas said each

worker of BNP and Juba Dal

were committed to ensuring

peace in society now and in



The out-going Italian Ambassador Dr Sandro Maria Siggia visited Dolce Vita Gelato and enjoying an Italian ice cream in Banani, Dhaka. The Parlour (Gelateria) is part of the Dolce Vita Restaurant - the only Italian Restaurant in Bangladesh, which was opened by Dr Siggia in April

BPTA team calls on Yunus Khan

A delegation of Bangladesh Polytechnic Teachers Association led by Khondoker Shahabuddin called on State Minister for Education Principal Mohammad Yunus Khan at his office on Monday, reports BSS.

The delegation apprised the state minister of their various demands. The minister assured the delegation that their demands would be actively considered. He said teachers' commu-

nity have a significant role to play in expansion of technical education. Mr Khan said government was determined to bring favourable academic atmosphere in the campus including solution of the session

Plea to solve ICD users prot ems

Bangladesh Master Stevedores Association (BMSA) Sunday called upon the government to take immediate steps to solve the problems faced by the users of Inland Container Depot (ICD) of Dhaka, reports BSS.

In a statement in Dhaka, Shahadat Hossain Selim, an Executive member of BMSA said, the Association, importers and of exporters of the country who use the ICD for carrying their cargoes to and from Chittagong port were losing confidence on the service of the depot due to different problems created in the smooth utilisation of the depot.

Despite an agreement with the railway authorities, it could not yet supply wagons carrying 40 feet containers to ICD "